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JAZZ GOES OUT.

Jazz has lost its popularity and its sway will soon be at an end. This is the good news that comes from the convention of the Sheet Music Dealers' association in Chicago. The old melodies, stirring military marches and a new sentimental lyrics are the best sellers in America today, the dealers report.

It was a foregone conclusion that jazz could not last. It lacked the foundation necessary for stability. To call it music was a misnomer. It could be described only as rhythmic noise, comparable in some respects to the sounds produced by savages at their dances and religious ceremonies, but lacking the dignity which may be found even in the beating of tom-toms.

The craze which Americans suddenly developed for dancing and singing to the noise of cow bells, sandpaper, police whistles, automobile horns and the other instruments which played so prominent a part in the jazz orchestra is one of those mysteries of modern civilization which must ever remain inexplicable to the music lover, although psychologists may be able to offer an explanation. The senseless of modern life, one conjectures, put on the nerves of the people and they sought relief in breaking loose from restraint. Something of the same sort has occurred in the other arts. In painting we find the nightmares known as neo-impressionism, cubism and futurism; in poetry the insane ravings put out as verse libre. They, too, will pass, as jazz is passing.

Jazz was doomed because it rested on no orderly basis. It was so monstrous that it could not be written. "Smear" was the technical term used by jazz performers to describe their method of working. Jazz exhausted all the possibilities of noise and there is nothing left but to return to melody and harmony. They are eternal and are adequate to supply the music craving of all normal minds. Syncopation will continue to have a place in music, but the distortion called jazz is doomed.

A SHORT COTTON CROP.

The cotton crop will be the smallest in 25 years, according to reports to the federal department of agriculture. Discouraged by the drop in the price last year from 45 cents a pound to less than 12 cents, planters have cut their acreages in the hope of forcing prices up.

How much the drop in the price of cotton, with its accompanying decreased buying power of the south had to do with the present business depression can of course not be definitely ascertained, but the fact is that this country never has known prosperity while the millions whose revenue is derived from cotton had an impaired buying power.

The southern farmer should learn from the present depressed state of the cotton market the lesson he failed to learn from similar breaks in the past—that it is unwise to put all your eggs in one basket. Raising only cotton, southerners have had to import from other sections foodstuffs which they would have done better to raise themselves. Merely cutting down the cotton acreage will avail the south nothing unless it turns some of the erstwhile cotton land to the growing of grain and the raising of livestock.

TRIALS IN NAME ONLY.

The whitewashing of German war criminals at Leipzig, under the camouflage of trials of justice, has gone far enough to convince those who accepted in good faith the offer of the German government to try those accused of violations that it was merely another Hun trick. Every principle for which the allies fought in the war demands that they withdraw from the farcical proceedings.

Two petty officers were convicted and sentenced to a few months in jail. Then Lieutenant Karl Neumann was placed on trial. Neumann sunk the British hospital ship Dover Castle, taking the lives of many disabled persons. The jury acquitted Neumann on the grounds that he was only acting under orders of his superiors and should not be held personally responsible for the crime of sinking a hospital ship in time of war.

If the principle under which Neumann was acquitted is to be the guide for future trials of persons accused by the allies, there is no reason why the farce should be continued. If the men higher up cannot be held responsible for the orders they gave to sink and to burn, it is the height of folly to seek justice through the conviction of petty

DR. ALFREDO ZAYAS



Dr. Alfredo Zayas, coalitionist candidate, was elected President of Cuba.

officers or private soldiers in the German ranks.

TURK STILL UNCURED.

Hope that an effective curb has been placed upon the Turk is dispelled by reports of new massacres by the Ottomans in Armenia and other parts of the Near East. Greeks have been slain, but the Armenians, as usual, are the chief victims. It appears as though old jealousies and fears are to be permitted to give the Turk unrestrained license to kill and burn in the east, as he has for centuries.

The sinister aspect of the situation in Armenia is that the Russian Bolsheviks are giving encouragement to the Turks, who are thus prompted to maintain an attitude of defiance to the allied nations. The Turkish nationalists are the outlaws of western Asia. That they are permitted to continue their depredations unrestrained is not an encouraging omen for the future peace of Europe.

ONE GOOD TURK.

It is too bad that the Turk cannot be expunged from the earth, in whose civilization he has no part. It is encouraging, however, to see a German jury acquit a young Armenian student of the charge of murdering a Turkish official who had killed the lad's mother and ordered his whole family wiped out.

Killing Turks of this type ought to be rewarded instead of punished. The world could well afford to dispense with a few hundred thousand of this kind of depredators of womanhood and assassins of men and children. The Turk has put himself beyond the pale. He belongs among barbarians.

CO-OPERATION TO ELIMINATE FIRE HAZARDS URGED

(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 17.—Co-operation by local organizations of citizens to eliminate fire hazards in every municipality was urged as the only effective way of reducing our enormous national waste, in an address by Franklin H. Wentworth of Boston at the convention of the National Association of Credit Men here today. Taking as his subject "The Red Peril," Mr. Wentworth, who is secretary of the National Fire Protection association, said in part: "We have already burned \$112,000,000 of created resources in the first four months of this year. This leaves us but \$138,000,000 for the remaining eight months to make up our annual ash heap of a quarter of a billion dollars, and there is little doubt that American carelessness will accomplish this shameful objective."

"There are optimists in America who state that we are reducing the fire waste because this average figure of \$250,000,000 now represents inflated values. There is little comfort in that academic reflection. The present housing situation is too desperate for us to be so complacent over it."

"The mayor of a western town of 20,000 people told me recently that if one of its stores should burn the owner would be done for. There is not a vacant shed or shack in the city to hold a new stock of goods. The shortage of dwellings is equally acute. A burned out family has to leave town. Every fire in every other city of the country is bringing it so much nearer to a similar situation. Every fire in a dwelling or apartment house intensified an intolerable congestion or turns people into the streets."

"Every fire today is a crime against the whole people; a crime for which we should not withhold punishment. Every community to-

day for its own preservation should bring swift legal reprisals against the person who has a preventable fire.

"In Europe a man who has a fire is looked upon as a public offender. In America he is looked upon as an unfortunate. People still imagine that the underwriters pay the loss; that they pay \$250,000,000 a year out of their surplus and capital stock and remain solvent. The fire waste touches the pocket of every man, woman and child in the nation. Every stock of goods is insured; the insurance is added to the cost of the goods; and when we buy a hat or a pair of shoes, or a coat, we pay this insurance concealed in the price of the goods."

The attorneys general of half a dozen states have given it as their official opinion that under the American common law a man, whose negligence causes a fire, is liable for fire damage to his neighbor's house; but nobody thinks of bringing suit. The habit of mind that the insurance companies pay the loss is too strong. But in the personal liability idea of the French resides a companion thought that is permeating the American brain—an idea of imposing a charge for the use of the fire department upon the man who disregards a fire prevention order.

"Fire departments are not maintained to protect a man from the results of his negligence, and when he calls upon the city in any such case he should be made to pay for the service."

"Considering the American psychology, an amazing success has been achieved in the last few years in gaining the recognition of this principle. Already it has been written into the charter of the city of New York, the state law of Pennsylvania and the city ordinances of Cleveland and Cincinnati; Portland, Oregon; Billings, Montana; Austin, Texas; and Newark, New Jersey."

"But with all this progress, or record the fire losses in America in 1920 were \$331,000,000, or \$8,000,000 more than for the average year."

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Strassburg's Famous Cathedral.

Strassburg, capital of Alsace, called the bulwark of the Holy Roman Empire by Emperor Maximilian I. is famed for its cathedral and gate de folie gras and prized for its commercial and military importance. Its cathedral, whose building extended over four centuries, says a National Geographic society bulletin, typifies the diverse influences to which the city has been subjected. The facade especially presents a singularly happy union of the northern, French and German style of medieval architecture.

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